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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN GOODWILL MISSION

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1. DURING OCT 31 CALL ON MOFA UNDER SECRETARY HINAWY (AFRICA/OAU AFFAIRS), EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT OCT. 22-28 VISIT OF 5-MAN ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION. HINAWY CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORT OF ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL THAT MISSION HAD NOT MET PRESIDENT KENYATTA (PERM SEC. IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAD EXPLAINED HE WAS TOO PREOCCUPIED WITH FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT) OR ANY OTHER HIGH GOK OFFICIAL. DELEGATION DID, HOWEVER, MEET WITH MOFA PERM. SEC. MATHEKA AND HINAWY TO BRIEF THEM ON DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA.

2. HINAWY WAS CLEARLY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE DELEGATION'S PRESENTATION, SAYING MEMBERS DID NOT SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY OR EVEN SEEM CERTAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF ETHIOPIA. WHEN THE QUESTION OF THE TREATMENT OF THE EMPEROR CAME UP, AN OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT ISSUE IN KNEYAN-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS GIVEN THE CLOSE PERSONAL

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FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN KENYATTA AND THE EMPEROR, THE

DELEGATION WAS NOT PREPARED TO SAY ANYTHING BEYOND
REITERATING THAT THE ARRESTED MEMBERS OF THE FORMER
GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TRIED.

3. COMMENT: WHILE DELEGATIONS' VISIT CLEARLY LESS
THAN SUCCESSFUL FROM BOTH ETHIOPIAN AND KENYAN VIEWPOINTS,
NEITHER SIDE APPEARS TO VIEW FAILURE AS PARTICULARLY
SIGNIFICANT OR LIKELY TO AFFECT THEIR LONG-TERM RE-
LATIONSHIP. MARSHALL

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